

DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND CHAIRPERSONS MEETING
May 24, 2008
BRANTINGHAM GOLF CLUB

President Bill Brunscheen called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

In attendance were: Bill Brunscheen, John Nagy, Carolyn Gaylord, Randy Anderson, Dan Brewer, Ed Cousin, Tony LaGatta, Eric Martin, David Rider, Collette Vanyo, Judy Wilson, and Ned Wilson.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2007 Directors Meeting, as presented, by Tony LaGatta, seconded by Dan Brewer. Approved.

John Nagy presented the Treasurer's Report (please see attached). Recent changes to the operating fund included the receipt of two (2) late dues for 2007 and a prepay for 2008, \$400 paid to the Federation of Lakes Association for dues, and \$289.75 for mailing the Spring Newsletter. This year's payment of \$2,640, for stocking the lakes with fish, exhausted the Fish Stocking Fund. The Memorial Fund received \$90 in memory of Bud Armstrong, Bob Boucher, and Bob Romer. \$16.32 was paid for additions to the memorial plaque. Interest on the savings and CD was \$130.00. The CD, which came due on May 19th, was rolled into savings in anticipation of additional spraying costs. The checking account balance is \$607.07 and savings is \$11,187.90. Tony LaGatta made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Dan Brewer. Approved.

TEAM REPORTS:

- **Water Quality:**
 - CSLAP: Ed Cousin reported that we will enter our 7th year of testing in June, with results being consistently favorable for the last 6 years. A copy of the report will be available in the library. Brantingham Lake is considered a lake with color, caused by the pine needles. It has soft water, low nitrogen levels, and neutral ph conditions. We have 8 testing sessions to do, every 2 weeks, beginning in June and finishing in September.
 - On May 23rd the testing program proposed by the Lewis County Soil and Water Conservation District was begun. Five (5) locations were selected for sampling every two (2) weeks. The analysis will be total fecal and fecal coliform, costing \$40 for each sample, for a total cost of approximately \$2,000 at the end of the 2008 program. Samples are taken early in the morning and must arrive in Lowville before 10:00 AM, testing to be done within 6 hours. Ed expressed his appreciation to Dave Gaylord, who is a permanent volunteer. He also thanked the part-time volunteers, Francis Buckingham, Bert Dorrance, Gary Edick, Tom Consler, Marie Duink, and Val Montana, who are available when needed. President Brunscheen announced that Ed Cousin may be retiring after this year, so a replacement will be needed. President Brunscheen and Ed Cousin have copies of the map that was developed by Nichelle Billhardt and the DEC people last fall to identify the sampling points.

- ***Invasive Plants:*** Judy Wilson reported that to date no invasive plants have been identified. Several areas are identified for sampling, which is normally done toward the end of August when the plants are in bloom, to make identification easier. Judy expressed appreciation for the volunteers and the need for additional people to assist her. There will be an Invasive Plant training session in Old Forge on June 26th. Sue Lorenzini has volunteered to attend, but other spots are available. Ms. Wilson also announced that she has several signs which need to be posted asking people to use only local firewood in order to avoid bringing the emerald green ash borer in to the area.
- ***Boat Launch:*** Eric Martin reported that he and Gene Szykowski put the invasive plants sign up at the boat launch on May 23rd. Several people stopped to comment on their appreciation of the sign. It has been raised 4-5 feet higher than last year so that hopefully the higher boats will not bring it down. President Brunscheen updated us on the decision to go with an informational approach to educating people about invasive plants, rather than a washing station. He has been unable to contact Mr. Decker, who spoke at last year's fall dinner about the program at Lake George, possibly due to health issues. He will continue to pursue this program.
- ***Signs:*** Nothing new to report – the article in the Spring Newsletter should cover the announcement of the price increase.
- ***Arts Council:*** The schedule of events is in the Spring Newsletter.
- ***Government:*** President Brunscheen reported in Tom Gunn's absence the information presented to him via email:
 - ***Town Board News:*** There will be a public hearing prior to the June Town Board meeting, at 5:45 PM on June 18, 2008, to discuss a local law dissolving the Brantingham Water District. Since Brantingham Lake is open to use by all residents of the Town of Greig, the responsibility for regulation and maintenance of the dam should be the responsibility of the entire town. A letter will be sent to property owners within the district informing them of this proposed local law change.
 - ***Study of the Black River Watershed:*** This will assist the town in planning by evaluating water quality land use and area economics. Information may be found on the town website.
 - ***Tax Rolls:*** Available on town website. If you have any questions on using the search capabilities, contact Tom Gunn at 376-5666 (daytime phone number). The Town of Greig's website address is: www.townofgreig.org.

The question was asked about a leash law in the Town of Greig, pertaining to the Brantingham area. President Brunscheen will speak with Tom Gunn to see if there is in fact a new leash law in effect for Brantingham.
- ***Welcome Team:*** Ned Wilson presented Board members with copies of the document he would like to submit for approval. The question remains as to how much of the emergency contact information should go into the Directory. It is suggested that each Director include a personal note on the welcome letter to the new resident, in addition to making a personal visit. John Nagy reminded us that we must act soon so that the information can be added to the Directory before it goes to print. The emergency contact information should be added to the beginning of the Directory for easy access. President Brunscheen suggested that the Directory be presented to the new resident with an invitation to join the BCA. There was consensus that the proposed information be

included in the Directory. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Nagy will meet to work out the details of the additions. President Brunscheen thanked Mr. Wilson for his hard work in preparing this information.

- **Renters Rules:** Randy Anderson reported that he and David Rider developed a list good neighbor considerations last year, which was laminated and included in the Directories. There was discussion as to whether they need to be re-printed, with most people present agreeing that we need to have them available, but it is not necessary to provide everyone with them again. President Brunscheen suggested that we duplicate the maps developed by Nichelle Billhardt and the Water Quality Team.
- **Library:** The Library, once again due to a grant through the Pratt Northam Workership program, will have a high school student working to keep the Library open additional hours. It is suggested that we check the Library door for a posting of the summer hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Assessment Team:** Tony LaGatta handed out a document detailing the culmination of the work by this team. Mr. LaGatta asked if the Assessor's comments in the Spring Newsletter regarding proposed informational meetings will be a duplicate of our proposal. Mr. LaGatta requested via email that Ms. Gratch join our team, but he did not receive a response. He will contact her again to see if we can work together to inform our residents about the assessment process. Eric Martin and President Brunscheen complimented Tony LaGatta and the other team members for their hard work. A motion was made by Dan Brewer for Tony LaGatta, on behalf of the Brantingham Community Association, to work with the Town of Greig Assessor to develop the proposed informational sessions. The motion was seconded by Eric Martin. Approved.
- **Water Patrol:** Deputy Mike Leviker attended the Officers' Meeting on May 13th to discuss patrolling Brantingham Lake. A grant was received through Senator Griffo and Assemblywoman Dede Scozzafava's offices to purchase a new boat, which will remain at Lake Bonaparte. The old boat will be docked here at Brantingham Lake, which should help us to have more of a police presence on the lake. The DEC will also continue to patrol.
- **Lake Management Plan:** President Brunscheen has been asking for volunteers to update the Lake Management Plan developed by Jim Murphy. Val Montana has offered to develop a new plan, incorporating the recommendations of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Droz. Ryan Palmer, from the Department of Health, is part of the Jefferson County Soil and Water Management group and has offered to assist us in developing a septic management plan which is separate from the BCA Lake Management Plan. Devin Dal Pos and Bert Dorrance will assist Val in developing this plan.
- **Golf Outing:** Ned Wilson spoke with one of the owners of the Golf Course about holding a Monkey Golf Tournament. The Saturday of Labor Day weekend appears to be available. The purpose will be strictly social – a way to celebrate the end of summer at Brantingham Lake. Posters will be developed to announce the event. David Rider will assist Ned in planning the event.
- **Shoal Markers:** Carl Lawendowski contacted President Brunscheen last year to request that the BCA provide shoal markers for the shallow areas of Brantingham Lake. President Brunscheen asked permission to purchase 8 markers – 4 for shallow areas, 4 for no-wake zones. Tom Gunn will purchase the markers and Mr. Lawendowski will obtain the

anchors, as well as assisting in the placement of the markers according to the map developed by the Water Management Team. Ed Cousin offered to help. A motion was made by Ned Wilson to purchase and place the markers, seconded by Eric Martin. Approved.

- **Email Addresses:** We have email addresses for approximately 25% of the members. We are still mailing over 350 newsletters. An announcement will be made at the Spring Dinner Meeting to ask more people to submit email addresses. President Brunscheen is asking that when the Directors hand out the Directories, they ask people to sign up for email delivery.
- **Other:**
 - The bear and geese have returned.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **District 7 Director's Seat:** Three members expressed an interest in filling the District 7 Director's seat vacated by Sue Bush: Devin Dal Pos, Bob Hindman, and Don Higgins. This seat will be up for re-election in August of 2009. At the time the Nominating Committee was asked to make a recommendation, there were only two members who had expressed an interest. The Nominating Committee recommended Devin Dal Pos. A paper vote was conducted. Devin Dal Pos was the winner with six votes, which was more than 50% of the total votes. Bob Hindman received three votes. Secretary Carolyn Gaylord will contact the three members, informing them of the results.
- **Spraying:** President Brunscheen, after researching alternative sources for insect spraying, signed a contract with George (Doug) Paddock from Clayton for aerial mosquito and blackfly control spraying for 2008. We have contracted for 5 applications, at a cost of \$2,150.00 per spray. As usual, the dates listed on the contract are approximate due to wind, rain, and temperature. Mr. Paddock is anxious to spray and will make every effort to adhere to the dates listed. Please feel free to contact President Brunscheen if you feel that conditions are conducive to spraying.
- **BTI:** President Brunscheen has been investigating this environmentally-friendly method of controlling the larva of blackflies as an alternative to spraying. Andrea Malick, from St. Lawrence County, is willing to do a feasibility study of the conditions at Brantingham Lake. She charges \$40 per hour. Eric Martin will contact a friend in the Old Forge/Inlet area who may be willing to assist us as well. Chase's Lake is using BTI and President Brunscheen has received favorable reports of the results from the residents. The only two people who are approved by the DEC to spray are Duflo and Paddock. If we should lose them, we have no other alternative to controlling the insects, except BTI. This process requires volunteers who make applications every two weeks beginning in March and who must attend a 30-hr. training in the application process. The question was asked if we could possibly use BTI for blackflies and continue to spray for mosquitoes. The total cost for BTI application is approximately \$2,500, and there is a \$600 fee per volunteer to become certified. Collette Vanyo made a motion to move forward in doing a feasibility study, seconded by Tony LaGatta. Approved.

- *Other:*
 - Spring Dinner: Friday, June 27th at the Brantingham Golf Club. Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM. The price will be \$19 per person. Nichelle Billhardt will be the guest speaker.
 - Fall Dinner: Saturday, August 23rd at the Coachlight.
 - The next meeting of the Directors, Officers, and Chairpersons will be held on Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Brantingham Golf Club.
 - David Rider expressed his sadness at the foreclosure auction of Grant's Island. It has been owned by the same family for many years.
 - President Brunscheen has been approached with a suggestion of reimbursing Ed Cousin and Judy Wilson for the gas expenses involved in testing for water quality and invasive plants. Collette Vanyo made a motion that volunteers may submit reasonable expenses to be considered by the Officers and/or Directors of the BCA to cover the costs associated with BCA activities, seconded by Eric Martin. Approved.
 - Directors: Because this year ends in an even number, Directors in the even-numbered districts are up for re-election. Dan Brewer has expressed his desire to resign as District #2 Director.
 - John Nagy and Carolyn Gaylord will be resigning their positions as Treasurer and Secretary.
 - President Brunscheen asked that we consider having Assistant Directors to make smoother transitions when Directors resign and that Directors consider stepping up to Officer positions.
 - John Nagy asked that Directors inform him of changes in their areas before the Directory goes to print.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Nagy, seconded by Eric Martin, carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.